(ii) Arrange financial participation of State Governments/private sector organisations for implementation of specific projects.

(iii) Attract new traffic by adopting a number of new strategies like rationalisation of freight structure, providing incentives, etc.

(iv) Cut down operational and production costs to improve the Railways functioning at the grass-root level like better manpower management, cost cutting, cost control and austerity measures, containing staff cost by controlling fresh intake, bench marking of activities.

(v) Improvements in the productivity of assets through optimal utilisation of assets.

(vi) Direct purchase of power from NTPC.

Plying of Bhopal-Durg Amarkantak Express

†4028. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received some representation from commuters for daily plying of Bhopal-Durg Amarkantak Express (8253/8254) via Jabalpur and Rajkot-Jabalpur Express (1269/1270) trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have considered these representations;

(d) if so, by when Government have decided to run these trains everyday; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some representations including from Shri P.K. Maheshwari MP have been received.

(c) to (e) It is proposed to extend 1269/1270 Rajkot-Bhopal Express upto Jabalpur via Bina-Katni (two days a week) and to increase the frequency of 1463/1464 Rajkot-Jabalpur Express from 4 days a week to five days a week (by extending 1269/1270 Rajkot-Bhopal Express upto Jabalpur via Itarsi once a week) during 2002-2003. The above arrangement will provide daily service

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

between Rajkot and Jabalpur. Daily running of Amarkantak Express has not been found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Angul-Dubri-Sukinda Road Rail Project in Orissa

4029. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether location survey on Angul-Dubri-Sukinda Road rail Project in Orissa has been completed and survey report has been submitted; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure expeditious completion of land acquisition for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The Final Location Survey has been completed and the report is under finalisation.

(b) Does not arise.

4030. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have urged the Union Government to provide a Rs. 14,000 crore outlay for the year 2002-2003;

(b) if so, what are the main projects on which the Railways are likely to utilise this amount;

(c) whether the Union Government have agreed to provide this amount; and

(d) if so, to what extent the Railways would complete the projects are pending for long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Safety Norms for Rail Passengers

4031. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has issued directions to the Railways for strict implementation of safety norms for travelling passengers;